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SUBJECT: NIMETZ VISIT TO CYPRUS

1. WE INFORMED GEORGE SHERRY OF THE UN SECRETARIAT ON AUG 24 OF PLANS FOR NIMETZ VISIT TO CYPRUS NEXT WEEK AS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. SHERRY HAD ALREADY HEARD IN GENERAL OF THE VISIT FROM THE GREEK CYPRIOT UN MISSION BUT DID NOT KNOW THE DETAILS REGARDING VISIT TO VAROSHA, AS WELL AS FOR MEETINGS WITH GALINDO POHL AND DENKTASH. WE POINTED OUT VISIT IS STILL CONFIDENTIAL.

2. SHERRY SAID HE BELIEVES NIMETZ VISIT PROVIDES USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR US PRIVATELY TO ENCOURAGE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO TAKE ANOTHER CAREFUL LOOK AT THE UN IDEAS REGARDING FAMAGUSTA/VAROSHA. AFTER BRIEF REVIEW OF THESE IDEAS (SUMMARY DATAFAXED TO DEPT-EUR/SE AND IO/UNP ON AUG 4; SEE ALSO NICOSIA 2054), SHERRY SAID THAT IF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS INDICATE TO GALINDO-POHL THEIR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO THE UN'S APPROACH, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVITE THE TWO SIDES TO MEET AS A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL CONFIDENTIAL

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TALKS IN NICOSIA AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO REPORT TO THE PLENARY IN VIENNA. THERE WAS NO POINT, HOWEVER, IN CALLING FOR THESE TALKS UNLESS IT IS CLEAR THAT AT LEAST A PRELIMINARY BASIS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES EXISTS.

3. SHERRY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE NIMETZ VISIT IS A US MEDIATION EFFORT

OR THAT THERE IS A US PLAN FOR CYPRUS. HE ALSO WARNED AGAINST ANY CHARACTERIZATION OF UN THINKING AS A UN PLAN. HE RECALLED THAT IN JULY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS OBJECTED TO THE UN SUGGESTIONS ON VAROSHA, WANTING INSTEAD TO GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO OBTAIN ENDORSEMENT OF THE RELEVANT UNGA RESOLUTIONS. AS WE HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY (USUN 3246), SHERRY REGARDS GOC RECOURSE TO THE SC AS TOTALLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH EFFORT TO START TALKS ON VAROSHA.

4. SHERRY ALSO RECOUNTED BRIEFLY HIS DISCUSSIONS EARLIER THIS WEEK WITH GOC PRESS SPOKESMAN CHRISTODOULOU AND GOC UN MISSION CHARGE JACOVIDES. THE FORMER, HE SAID, HAD BEEN NO HELP AT ALL, AGAIN URGING THE SYG TO CALL ON THE TURKS TO ABIDE BY THE UNGA RESOLUTIONS -- WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS, UNITY OF THE ISLAND, ETC. JACOVIDES, IN CONTRAST, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE NOW MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ANOTHER EFFORT AT RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS. JACOVIDES TOLD HIM THAT THE US, IF IT ACTED CAREFULLY, HAD THE LEVERAGE TO MOVE THE SITUATION FORWARD.

5. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION WITH AMB LEONARD AUG 24, JACOFIDES URGED US TO PRESS THE TURKS ON VAROSHA/ FAMAGUSTA AND THE LARGER TERRITORIAL ISSUE. AFTER STRESSING GOC RESTRAINT ON LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, HE SAID CONGRESSIONAL ACTION GIVES THE ADMINISTRATION NEW CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL AND MORAL LEVERAGE IN ANKARA WHICH SHOULD BE USED TO CHANGE GOT POSITIONS REGARDING CYPRUS ISSUES. TO LEONARD'S SUGGESTION THAT TURKEY IS INDEED READY TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR LATEST PROPOSALS ON VAROSHA, JACOVIDES EVINCED CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM, RECALLING THAT IN 1977 ECEVIT HAD COME OUT IN FAVOR OF TURKISH COLONIZATION OF THE CITY. WHILE GOC WAS PREPARED TO TRY AGAIN TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE TURKS, JACOFIDES RECALLED THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN FIVE ROUNDS OF UNSUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS WHOSE FAILURE HE ATTRIBUTED UNSURPRISINGLY TO TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE. ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE, HE SAID TURKS REMAINED READY TO CONSIDER NEGOTIATING THE RETURN OF ONLY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE TERRITORY NOW OCCUPIED BY THEM. HE WAS EVEN MORE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR BRIDGING THE GAP ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES, SAYING THAT TURKISH PROPOSALS OF MAY 1977 IN EFFECT WOULD LEAD TO DE FACTO PARTITION OF THE ISLAND INTO TWO SEPARATE STATES WHILE GOC WANTED FEDERAL STRUCTURE. THE BOTTOM LINE OF THIS ENTIRE PRESENTATION WAS THAT IT WAS UP TO US TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE TURKS IF THERE WERE TO BE PROSPECTS FOR RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS. HE HAD NO READOUT ON MEETING OF CYPRIOT NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

6. AS REGARDS THE QUERY RAISED IN ATHENS 7329 REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING WALDHEIM'S "GOOD OFFICES" TO ONE OF ACTUAL MEDIATOR, WE BELIEVE WALDHEIM WOULD BE QUITE RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT SUCH AN ASSIGNMENT. HE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY CONCERNED TO AVOID BEING IN ANY PUBLIC SITUATION IN WHICH HE IS SEEN AS CRITICAL OF EITHER THE GREEK OR THE TURKISH SIDE. HE AND HIS STAFF REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZE TO US THE NEED TO GET FULL PRIOR AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES BEFORE MAKING ANY MOVE OR ANNOUNCEMENT. AS WE

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HAVE SEEN THIS SUMMER, HE IS BASICALLY UNWILLING TO INTRODUCE PROPOSALS SUGGESTED TO HIM BY OURSELVES OR THE TURKS. RATHER THAN SEEKING A FORMAL CHANGE OF SYG'S MANDATE FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WE BELIEVE THE BEST APPROACH IS TO CONTINUE OUR BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM IN CONTINUING EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO PLAY MORE ACTIVE ROLE. MOREOVER, ANY EFFORT TO GET THE SYG'S MANDATE CHANGED IS CERTAIN TO RUN INTO SERIOUS OBJECTIONS FROM THE SOVIETS AND OTHERS. YOUNG

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